

# This is Baghdad

Bruce Cockburn

Everything's broken in the birthplace of law  
As Generation Two tries on his tragic flaw  
America's might under desert sun  
I saw her frightened eyes behind the muzzle of her gun

Uranium dust and the smell of decay  
Sewage in the street where the kids run and play  
Not enough morphine and not enough gauze  
Firefight in darkness like snapping of jaws  
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You couldn't see the blast-the morning was bright  
But some radiant energy flared up into the light  
Like the sky throwing its hands up in a horrified dismay  
Or the souls of the dead as they sped on their way

Carbombed and carjacked and kidnapped and shot  
How do you like it, this freedom we brought  
We packed all the ordnance but the thing we forgot  
Was a plan in case it didn't turn out quite like we thought  
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